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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: ACTION MEMORANDUM: ROMANIAN INTEREST IN JORDAN-
IAN TANK (S/S NO.7624785)
FOR SECRETARY FROM EUR/HARTMAN AND NEA/ATHERTON
1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH YOUR INSTRUCTIONS (SECTO 31015),
AND IN LIGHT OF AMBASSADOR PICKERING'S FURTHER DISCUSSION
OF THIS SUBJECT WITH KING HUSSEIN ON NOVEMBER 27 (AMMAN
7104 REPEATED TO YOU SEPARATELY), WE HAVE PREPARED A TELE-
GRAM TO EMBASSY AMMAN INSTRUCTING PICKERING TO INFORM KING
HUSSEIN THAT THE USG IS NOT RPT NOT IN A POSITION TO AUTH-
ORIZE THE GOJ TO COMPLY WITH THE ROMANIAN REQUEST TO
EXAMINE AN AMERICAN-MANUFACTURED TANK.

2. RECOMMENDATION:

THAT YOU APPROVE THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FOR TRANSMITTAL TO
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REF: (A) AMMAN 7063, (B) AMMAN 7104

YOU SHOULD TELL THE KING AT YOUR NEXT OPPORTUNITY THAT WE APPRECIATE HIS PASSING ON TO US ROMANIAN INTEREST IN US TANKS. YOU SHOULD MAKE CLEAR, HOWEVER, THAT WE DO NOT BELIEVE IT WOULD BE GOOD IDEA FOR JORDAN TO LEND U.S. TANKS TO ROMANIA OR ALLOW ROMANIANS TO INSPECT U.S. TANKS IN JORDAN. AS KING IS AWARE, SUCH ACTION WOULD REQUIRE U.S. APPROVAL ACCORDING TO TERMS UNDER WHICH TANKS WERE SUPPLIED, AND WE ARE NOT RPT NOT IN POSITION TO GRANT IT. IT IS TRUE THAT ROMANIA DOES OCCUPY A RATHER SPECIAL POSITION IN WARSAW PACT, AND U.S. HAS TRIED TO BE AS SUPPORTIVE AS POSSIBLE OF ROMANIA'S RELATIVELY INDEPENDENT FOREIGN POLICY LINE. FACT REMAINS, HOWEVER, THAT ROMANIA IS FULL-FLEDGED PACT MEMBER, AND UNTIL THIS SITUATION CHANGES, OUR POLICIES AND REGULATIONS DO NOT ALLOW US TO LEND DIRECT OR INDIRECT SUPPORT TO ROMANIAN EFFORTS TO AUGMENT THEIR MILITARY CAPABILITY.

IF KING ASKS WHAT OUR REACTION WOULD BE IF ROMANIANS WERE TO APPROACH US ON THIS TOPIC DIRECTLY, YOU MAY SAY THAT THEY ARE CERTAINLY FREE TO DO SO BUT WITHOUT OFFERING ENCOURAGEMENT AS TO LIKELIHOOD OF THEIR SUCCESS. END TEXT.

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